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Like many citizens, I utilize an Intel computer. I use this computer for a variety of purposes, including academic research, personal business and entertainment. Again, like many people, I have followed the proceedings of the Microsoft antitrust trial with interest. Upon reviewing the proposed settlement, I find it inadequate on many counts. It will allow Microsoft to continue its dominance by creating significantly different software (in a manner similar to the migration from Windows 3.1 to Windows 95). Secondly, the definition of API is overly narrow, and third party operating systems are not allowed to utilize these APIs. Finally, this settlement does not address the licensing of other Microsoft applications, which create a de facto barrier to entry by barring their use either with or on third-party operating systems (I am specifically referring to the End User Licensing Agreements of the Microsoft Windows Media Encoder 7.1 SDK and Microsoft Visual C++ applications).

Sincerely,
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